

# Water and Huntington Beach

USE WATER WISELY

Winter 2012/13

## Did you know?

- Wash only full loads of laundry and dishes. Saves up to 50 gallons per week.
- Fix household leaks promptly. Saves up to 20 gallons per day.
- Spend only 5 minutes in the shower. Saves up to 8 gallons each time.
- Turn off the water while you brush your teeth. Saves up to 2.5 gallons per minute.
- Buy water-saving devices like high-efficiency toilets and clothes washers. Some of these clothes washers are eligible for rebates! Saves many gallons per day!

**Be Water Wise!**

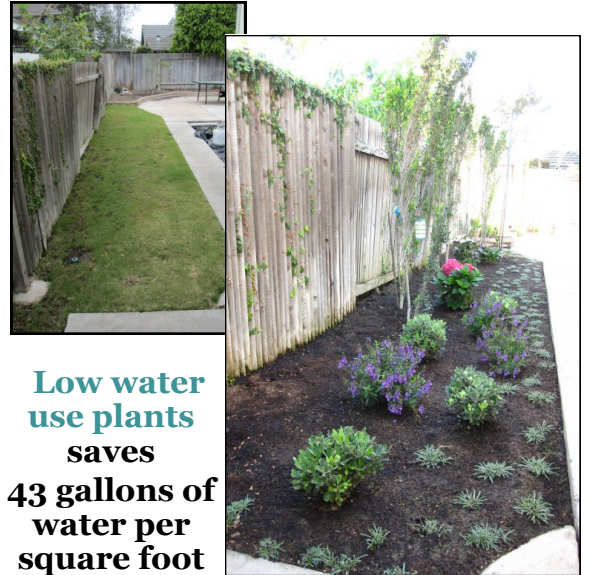
## The \$1 per square foot Turf Removal Program is still going through April 15, 2013!

Residents and businesses in Huntington Beach may be eligible for a \$1 per square foot financial incentive to remove and replace turf with water wise/natives/drought tolerant California friendly plants.

The program is offered by the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC). Hurry, applications are due by April 15, 2013. As funding is limited and available on a first come, first serve basis, we encourage you to apply ASAP!

For program specifics and further details; [www.mwdoc.com/services/turf-removal](http://www.mwdoc.com/services/turf-removal)

*A sustainable water wise landscape saves water and money and it is virtually maintenance free!*

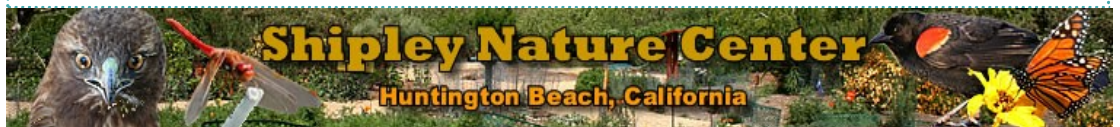


**Low water  
use plants  
saves  
43 gallons of  
water per  
square foot  
per year!**

(in comparison to turf water consumption— MWD)



During the winter months, the days are short and cool, so you can adjust your irrigation system to water once a week since your garden doesn't need much supplemental water. When it rains, remember to turn off the irrigation system and leave it off until the soil is completely dry.



*Shipley Nature Center in conjunction with the City of Huntington Beach is happy to host two "Rainwater Harvesting Seminars" on March 2, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.*

*Topics to include:*

- ◆ Rainwater Harvesting
- ◆ Benefits of a Rain Barrel
- ◆ Installation of a Rain Barrel
- ◆ Sustainable Gardening
- ◆ Water Conservation Techniques

Advanced Rain Barrel purchases can be made at:

**[www.RainBarrelsIntl.com](http://www.RainBarrelsIntl.com)** under the EVENTS tab City of Huntington Beach



*To register for the event, please contact Shipley Nature Center at: 714-842-4772*

Become a fan of  
Huntington  
Beach Water on  
Facebook!



March 18–24, 2013  
**Fix a Leak Week**



## Every Drop Counts

Did you know that an American home can waste, on average, more than 10,000 gallons of water every year due to running toilets, dripping faucets, and other household leaks? Nationwide, more than 1 trillion gallons of water leak from U.S. homes each year. That's why WaterSense reminds Americans to check their plumbing fixtures and irrigation systems each year during Fix a Leak Week.



WaterSense is teaming up with our partners to promote the fifth annual Fix a Leak Week, **March 18-24, 2013**.

For more information on Fix a Leak Week and how you can take the pledge please visit:

[www.epa.gov/watersense/our\\_water/fix\\_a\\_leak.html](http://www.epa.gov/watersense/our_water/fix_a_leak.html)

Let us help you with  
"Fix a Leak Week"  
The Water Use  
Efficiency program  
offers free water  
surveys to all  
residents and  
businesses.  
For more info. call  
714.374.1796



Talk to your  
friends and family  
about saving  
water. If we all  
do a little,  
we all benefit a lot!



## Expanding Local Water Supplies with Stormwater

*SCWC Launches New Outreach and Education Program on Stormwater*

By: Richard Atwater

SCWC Executive Director

January 17, 2013

Here in Southern California, we need to continue to explore all options when it comes to our water supply. Across the Southland, steps have been taken to increase one important local supply option - stormwater. We at Southern California Water Committee recognize the importance and potential of stormwater as a supplemental water supply source to what we currently import. That is why we just launched "**Pump Up The Volume**", a stormwater education and outreach program aimed at highlighting the need for investment in this local source of water.

For the complete article, please visit: <http://socalwater.org/news/scwc-water-blog>

